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United States Embassy Skopje Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Demonstrations May 27th

U.S. Embassy Skopje informs U.S. citizens that civil association "Citizens for Macedonia" will stage a protest march at 18:00 today, May 27, in front of the Government Building in downtown Skopje. The anticipated size of the protest is unknown.

Political groups in Macedonia continue to plan DAILY protests at 18:00 in front of the Government and/or Parliament building. The protests may block key road intersections and/or disrupt public transportation. Demonstrations have also occurred in other cities. Further demonstrations may form with little or no notice. U.S. citizens should follow local media for up to date information on demonstrations and potential disruptions of traffic.

U.S. citizens should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are advised to respect local laws, pay close attention to developments and potential traffic disruptions through local media, and plan alternate routes should you find your original plans affected.

For further information:

- See the <u>State Department's travel website</u> for the <u>Worldwide Caution</u>, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and <u>Macedonia Country Specific Information</u>.
- Enroll in the <u>Smart Traveler Enrollment Program</u> (<u>STEP</u>) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.

- Contact the U.S. Embassy in Skopje, located at Samoilova 21, 1000 Skopje, at + 02 310-2000 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Afterhours emergency number for U.S. citizens is + (389) 2-310-2000.
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